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(Divisional of Serial No. 08/965,892) : Group Art Unit:
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL EVALUATION, APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD OF
CONTROLLING APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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The references were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application Serial No. 08/965,892, filed November 7, 1997, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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